Pending Environmental Projects from Chhattisgarh

1844. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of environmental projects from Chhattisgarh pending for approval by Government along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the cost of each project;

(c) whether any additional information has been sought from the State Government or the organizations concerned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) The details of projects from Chhattisgarh pending environmental clearance are furnished in the Statement.

Statement

Details of projects from Chhattisgarh pending for environmental clearance

SI. No.	Details of the Projects	Date of Receipt	Cost of the project (In Crores)	Reasons for Pendency additional information sought
1	2	3	4	5
	Industry			
1.	Expansion of Sponge Iron Steel Plant and Captive Power Plant at village Hatheneora, District Champa, Chattisgarh of M/s Prakash Industries, Mining	03.08.2004	13.22	Recommendation of the Expert Committee to be obtained.
2.	Dipka Opencast Expansion Project of M/s. South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. In Korba Distt.	17.06.2003	1277.76	Expert Committee recommended for environmental clearance subject to submission of Conservation Plan & Progressive Mine Closure Plan. Partial information received on

1	2	3	4	5
				12.08.04 Approval on conservation plan from wildlife angle is yet to be obtained.
3.	Gevra Opencast Coal Mine of M/s. South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. In Korba District	17.06.2003	1661.32	Expert Committee has recommended for environmental clearance subject to submission of Conservation Plan & Progressive Mine closure Plan. Partial information received on 12.08.04 Approval on conservation plan from wildlife angle is yet to be obtained.
4.	Gare IV/2 and IV/3 Opencast Coal Mine Project of M/s. Jindal Power Corp. Ltd. in Distt. Raigarh	12.12.2002	150.00	Submitted for decision by. the competent authority.

Changes in **PFA**

1845. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleasd to state:

(a) whether any ordinance is proposed to be promulgated to bring changes in the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act regarding the safety standards for drinking water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for the availability of safe drinking water in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Water is outside the purview of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. However, a proposal has been initiated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, inter-alia to include drinking water within the definition of Food under the said Act.